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NEW YORK MEN SENTENCED IN BMV FRAUD CASE

PRESS RELEASE

Susan W. Brooks, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana, announced that two Flushings, New York men, XIAO GU, age 35, and PING SHEN, 48, were each sentenced to 30 months in prison by U.S. District Judge David F. Hamilton following their guilty pleas to various crimes related to assisting illegal Chinese nationals fraudulently acquire Indiana drivers licenses and identification cards. XIAO GU and PING SHEN provided phony documents to ELIZABETH and ADAM LANG who assisted illegal Chinese nationals in acquiring Indiana drivers licenses and identification cards. Additionally GU and SHEN provided phony documents directly to illegal Chinese nationals who then came to Indiana from various states to acquire licenses or identification cards. This case was the result of an 18 month investigation jointly conducted by the U.S. Postal Inspection Service Financial Crimes Task Force and the Safe Streets Task Force.

In addition to the Indiana charges, PING SHEN was also charged in federal court in Maryland in a scheme involving providing fraudulent Chinese passports and imposters to take educational tests for illegal Chinese nationals. The Maryland federal charges were transferred to Indiana and SHEN entered a guilty plea and was sentenced on those charges.

“The crimes charged are serious and a posed a substantial threat to this nation’s ability to know who is within its borders,” stated United States Attorney Susan W. Brooks. “Once an illegal alien has gained access to this country, these cards played a significant role in allowing the illegal aliens to remain undetected in this country. Drivers licenses and identification cards can be used for a variety of purposes from evidence of lawful admittance to the United States, to obtaining employment, bank accounts, social security cards, to the dangerous extreme of providing cover for one who is here to harm others in this country,” added Brooks.

According to Assistant United States Attorney Sharon M. Jackson, who prosecuted the case for the government, Judge Hamilton also imposed a \$1,000 fine and 3 years supervised release following GU’s release from imprisonment. Judge Hamilton imposed 2 years of supervised release following SHEN’s release from imprisonment. These sentences conclude the case against ELIZABETH LANG who was sentenced to 27 months in April 2005, and, her husband, ADAM LANG who was also convicted. One other person was charged in the indictment but remains a fugitive.

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